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Docket No: 1309/274197 OF 390

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Sir:

Enclosed please find an application for United States patent as identified below:

Inventor/s (name ALL inventors): Yoshihisa **FUJIOKA**, Satoshi **NOZAKI**,
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Title: **ABSORBENT ARTICLE FOR PREVENTION OF SIDEWARD LEAK**

including the items indicated:

1. Specification and 20 claims: 2 indep.; 18 dep.; 0 multiple dep.
2. ☒ Declaration and power of attorney
3. ☐ Formal drawings, _ sheets (Figs.)
☒ Informal drawings, 8 sheets (Figs. 1-9)
4. ☒ Assignment for recording to: **UNI-CHARM CORPORATION**
5. ☐ Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status
6. ☐ Check in amount of \$800.00, (\$760.00 filing; \$40.00 recording; \$ surcharge)
(See attached **Fee Computation Sheet**)
7. ☐ Preliminary Amendment.

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8. ☐ Please amend the description by inserting the following paragraph after the line containing the title on page 1:

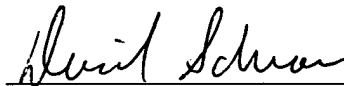
"This patent application claims the priority of U.S. provisional patent application No. 60/_____, which is incorporated herein by reference."

Priority is claimed for this application, corresponding application/s having been filed as follows:

Country:	Japan
Number:	74057/98, 74076/98 and 319136/98
Date:	03/23/98, 03/23/98 and 11/10/98, respectively

The priority documents ☐ are enclosed
☒ will follow.

Respectfully submitted,



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PATENT FEE COMPUTATION SHEET

	No. of Claims Presented	Extra Claims Previously Paid For	Number of Extra Claims	Rate
Basic Fee				\$760.00
Total Claims	20 - 20	- 0 = 0	x \$18.00	\$0.00
Independent Claims	2 - 3	- 0 = 0	x \$78.00	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims		0 - if so, add	\$260.00	\$0.00
Surcharge for late submission of filing fee and/or declaration (\$130.00)				\$0.00
SUBTOTAL				\$760.00
[Small Entity REDUCTION (Half of Subtotal)				\$0.00
Fee for recordation of assignment (\$40.00)				\$40.00
Charge for filing non-English language application (\$130.00)				\$0.00
TOTAL				\$800.00